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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS CONNUNIQUE TITLED
"NEW SPANISH LABOR LAW FAILS TO SATISFY UNIONS," ISSUED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU);
BEGIN TEXT: "THE NEW LABOUR LAW JUST PASSED BY THE SPANISH
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PARLIAMENT, THE CORTES, IS CONSIDERED COMPLETELY INADEQUATE
BY THE INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS,
TO WHICH THE SPANISH UGT AND THE BASQUE STV ARE
AFFILIATED, HAS CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE VERTICAL,
GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED
UNDER THE FRANCO DICTATORSHIP MUST BE COMPLETELY DIS-

MANTLED. THE NEW LAW IN NO WAY MEETS THIS DEMAND. NOT ONLY ARE THE VERTICAL ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINED, BUT THEY ARE EVEN (UNDER A LAST MINUTE AMENDMENT BROUGHT IN BY ULTRA CONSERVATIVES) ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW LAW. MOREOVER, THE LAW ATTEMPTS TO PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH TRADE UNIONS ARE TO BE SET UP, AND THUS IMPINGES ON THE WORKERS' FREEDOM TO DECIDE THESE MATTERS FOR THEMSELVES. AS IT STANDS AT THE MOMENT, THE NEW LEGISLATION THEREFORE VIOLATES ILO CONVENTIONS. IT ALSO RUNS COUNTER TO EXPRESS UNDERTAKINGS GIVEN RECENTLY TO ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN, WHO HAS THEREFORE PROTESTED TO THE MINISTER CONCERNED. THE ICFTU IS CONSIDERING WHETHER IT SHOULD LODGE AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT WITH THE ILO. WHILE WELCOMING THE FACT THAT SPANISH LAW AT LAST RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE, THE UGT, THE STV AND THE ICFTU WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR FULL TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN SPAIN."

END TEXT, BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

2. KERSTEN HAS CABLED THE SPANISH LABOR RELATIONS MINISTER ALONG SIMILAR LINES, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. THE ICFTU IS STILL CONSULTING ON TACTICS WITH OFFICIALS OF ITS SPANISH AFFILIATES AND WITH ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ILO, J.A. AGUIRIANO. HINTON

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